

Minutes

Monday, June 08, 2020

Electronic Participation at 10:00 a.m.

Attendance:

Sharon Paton, Chair
Marissa Daniels, Co-Chair
William Coward
Enzo DeDivitiis
Lindsay McCormick
Lee Ann Pocknell
Stephanie Vail
Nona Bader

Staff Liaison:

Bonnie Nistico-Dunk, City Clerk
Brian Applebee, Manager of Transportation Services, Guest

1. Call meeting to order (Chair)

The Chair called the meeting to order at 10:10 a.m.

2. Recognition of Traditional Territories

The Chair read the following:

The land on which we meet today is the traditional territory of the Haudenosaunee and Anishinaabe peoples, many of whom continue to live and work here today. This territory is covered by the Upper Canada Treaties and is within the land protected by the Dish with One Spoon Wampum agreement. Today this gathering place is home to many First Nations, Metis, and Inuit Peoples. Acknowledging this is a reminder that our great standard of living is directly related to the resources and friendship of Indigenous people.

3. Additions / Deletions to the Agenda

There were none.

4. Motion to approve the agenda

Moved by: William Coward

That the June 8, 2020 agenda of the LGBTQ2+ Advisory Committee be approved.

CARRIED

5. Motion to adopt the minutes of the previous meeting

Moved by: William Coward

Seconded by: Lindsay McCormick

That the minutes of the LGBTQ2+ Advisory Committee meetings dated February 4, 2020 and March 3, 2020 be approved.

CARRIED

6. Presentations (invited guests)

Brian Applebee, Manager of Transportation Services, was invited to the meeting to present his designs and seek committee approval for the installation of a rainbow crosswalk on St. Paul Street. Mr. Applebee presented two basic (ladder style and flag style) designs for the committee's consideration. One was the original, traditional design with just the rainbow colours and the second was a design that added black and brown stripes. Mr. Applebee advised the committee that the cities of Hamilton and Niagara Falls both endorsed and installed the ladder design. The cities both felt from a maintenance point of view, should vandalism occur, it would be much easier to fix the ladder style than the flag style. The committee asked questions of Mr. Applebee.

7. Business arising from the minutes

There was none.

8. Business

a. 8.1 Endorsement of Rainbow Crosswalk Design

After a lengthy debate of the designs that were presented, the Chair asked the committee to vote on the basic design first.

Moved by: William Coward

That the design of the crosswalk be a ladder design.

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Moved by: William Coward

That the design of the crosswalk be a flag design.

CARRIED

William Coward presented the committee with the Progressive Pride Flag for their consideration. This flag is all inclusive as it takes into the design a chevron which is black/brown (representative of these communities) as well as the blue/pink/white stripes (representative of the transgender community). Logistical questions regarding cost and the ability of staff to install such a design was discussed. Mr. Applebee advised the members that this is not impossible, but that he would need to cost this out and it may not be installed as quickly. Ms. Nistico-Dunk wanted the committee to be aware that she would be seeking endorsement of this new design from the Anti-Racism committee.

General comments supporting the Progressive Pride Flag were as follows:

- Important to get it right and not rush it.
- Important to represent people of colour and the transgender community with the flag.
- Let's do one crosswalk that hits all the boxes.

Moved by: William Coward

That the LGBTQ2+ Advisory Committee endorse the new Progressive Pride Flag as the design for the crosswalk to be placed on St. Paul Street; and

That staff seek endorsement of the design from the Anti-Racism Advisory Committee.

CARRIED

b. 8.2 Pride Month – June

Bonnie Nistico-Dunk, the staff liaison / City Clerk, asked the committee for their input regarding Pride Month and what the City could do to celebrate the month during these times. Ms. Nistico-Dunk will reach out to the City's Communications Department to inquire about adding a link to events that are on the Pride website and ask about the City designing a banner acknowledging this important event in the community.

9. Date of next meeting

Tuesday, June 23, 2020

10. Motion to Adjourn

Moved by: Lee Ann Pocknell

That, there being no further items of business, this meeting be adjourned at 11:15 a.m.

CARRIED